

Minutes- Joint Meeting
Security Committee – Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
March 13, 2008

Attendance: HBID Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson, Nathan Korman, Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire. Not Present: David Bolour, Michael Carsch. SVBID Committee Members Present: Darcy Judd, Chairperson; Richard Falzone. Not Present: Brent Gaulke, Fred Rosenthal. Liaisons: Senior Lead Officer Danny Pesqueira, Senior Lead Officer Maggie Furmanski, LAPD; Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LASD; Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Will Rivera, LA City Attorney's Office; Guests: Jeff Hanlon, Hollywood Roosevelt; Paul Roeder, Alex Rhodes, J.J. Huckin, Residents Hollywood and Vine Lofts; Matt Fisher, Palisades Development Group; Brian Kirgin, Joel Fisher, John Lyons, Copper Dallas, Avalon; Tricia LaBelle, Hollywood Hospitality Association; Alana Collins, Forbidden City. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance; Don Duckworth, Duckworth Consulting.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairs Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 10:08 A.M.
2. Public Comment: Matt Fisher, Palisades Development Group discussed with the committee the changing dynamic in the area as more residents are continuing to move into the district. Fisher informed the board that Palisades Development Group, as the developers of both the Hollywood and Vine Lofts and Pali House are taking steps to try and limit the noise impact on their current and future residents. Alex Rhodes, a resident at the Hollywood and Vine lofts spoke to the committee about some of the issues he and his fellow residents have faced in regards to excessive noise in the evenings and after-hours parties which have been occurring in a neighboring club. Rhodes informed the committee that he understands that he and his fellow residents moved into an Entertainment District, but wants to know what can be done to help control the operating hours and noise associated with after hours nightclubs. John Tronson thanked the guests for coming and informed the committee that the group would be discussing this issue further during the City Attorney's section of the meeting.
3. Approval of the Minutes: Due to a lack of a quorum the November 8, 2007 and February 14, 2008 minutes were deferred till the Committee's next meeting.
4. Reports
 - A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler distributed statistics for the year through March 9, 2008. So far this year BID patrol has made a combined total of 331 arrests in both BIDs. Currently Andrews has noticed a minor increase in gang activity in the area and are continuing to monitor the situation. Andrews' officers were able to participate in donating Amoeba Music gift certificates to six Hollywood area kids involved in the P.A.L. program. The certificates were awarded to Andrew's officers as a thank you for their hard work. Seyler and his

Assistant Director Joe Salazar, are continuing to attend various meetings within the area, including crime update meetings with the LAPD. In closing, Seyler reported that the BIDs' foot beat teams are currently operating on a different deployment schedule, with more teams out on Thursday and Friday. Seyler said the change was due to a slight increase in incidents on these days tracked on the SFW Software.

- B. Report from L.A.P.D.: Officer Danny Pesqueira and Officer Maggie Furmanski reported on the latest statistics for the area. Currently Officer Pesqueira reported that misdemeanor arrests have gone up, however the division has experienced a reduction in violent crime, property crime, part one crime and gang crime. Despite the decrease in gang crime, the area is still experiencing re-occurring problems from three groups in the division. Officer Pesqueira reported that he is continuing to work with nightclubs in the area as there have been reported increases in thefts in these locations.
- C. Report from LASD: Deputy Jerry Hankerson informed the committee that the Sheriff's department will be changing their deployment to 20 hour shifts, to assist in an operation to help better secure some Metro Rail stations in the area, especially during evening hours. The department is also working with PATH and other service providers as they remove homeless individuals from the trains and potentially place them in supportive facilities.
- D. Report from City Attorney: Will Rivera briefed the Committee on the current noise and nuisance abatement problem being experienced in the district between existing clubs and new residents. Rivera reported that he viewed the last 550 complaints he handled, and found that 25% of those were complaints due to noise issues. In order to solve the problem Rivera reported that there will need to be a call for responsible ownership and communication between developers and their potential residents. Rivera informed the committee that he would like to develop a noise master plan. The plan would detail the steps that the group along with the community could take to help push lawmakers to change "archaic" noise standards. Thaddeus Smith stated that he believes that as a community and drawing resources like the Chamber, BID and responsible nightclub owners together, the area could work toward harmony between residents and nightlife. Rivera also stated that it will take potential residents agreeing to sign urban living addendums, as well as arbitration agreements in order to more easily mitigate the complaints. Nathan Korman suggested that the committee look into developing a noise overlay zone. Morrison informed the board that the committee should further investigate what other cities have done in the past, and move forward with starting to develop a Noise Master Plan, as Rivera suggested. In the meantime Morrison would like to have some members of the committee get together and meet with some of the nightclub owners in the Hollywood and Vine area to see what can be done to lower the noise, until the plan is developed.

5. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for April 10, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028).
6. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairs Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 11:30 A.M.